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TO THIS PROMISE-LADEN PARADISE, THIS PLAYGROUND OF THE RICH, COMES CAT-BURG-LAR ALDEN BROOKS, IN SEARCH OF A CHANGE OF LUCK, A NEW LEASE ON LIFE... AND HERE HE IS CERTAIN TO FIND IT!

STORY AND ART-- GRAY MORROW

A PRISON STRETCH HAS DILUTED HIS SELF-ESTEEM. FORMERLY SUCCESSFUL, AND SUPREMELY CONFIDENT OF HIS PROMISES AS A CAT, BROOKS' THREE YEAR STRETCH HAS LEFT HIM DETERMINED TO FIND ONE BIG SCORE, AND TO RE-ESTABLISH HIS FAITH IN HIS ABILITY TO PENETRATE ANY SECURITY, TO CREEP AND CLIMB THROUGH ANY DEFENSE LIKE HIS ANIMAL NAMESAKE, HIS TOTEM... TO BECOME ONCE AGAIN, FULLY A...

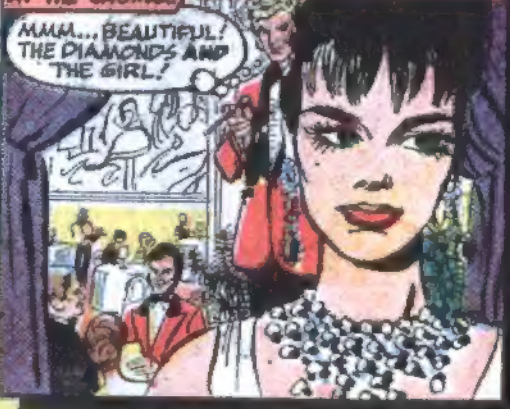


CAT!

WHILE THE SUN BURNS OUT THE MEMORY OF THE PAST THREE YEARS, AND HIS PRISON FALLOR, BROOKS SIZES UP VARIOUS PROSPECTS AT THE ISLAND RESORT...



...THEN ONE NIGHT HE FINDS HIS 'MARK' AT THE CASINO.



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...APPARENTLY WEALTHY AND RESPECTED,
BY THE DEFERENCE SHOWN HIM... I
WONDER... HER FATHER?... OR LOVER, OR...



...HER UNCLE, SIR,
SEÑOR ATALAN AND
HIS NIECE, CONSUELO.
SEÑOR ATALAN IS
REPUTED TO HAVE
ONE OF THE FINEST
JEWEL COLLECTIONS
IN THE WORLD!



BROOKS MAKES HIS MOVE WHEN SEÑOR
ATALAN IS CALLED AWAY TO THE PHONE.



WOULD YOU CARE
TO DANCE, SEÑORITA?

NO-AH... I... OH VERY WELL.



ALDEN BABY, YOUR FATAL CHARM SEEMS
TO BE HAVING LITTLE EFFECT. SHE'S REMOTE,
DISTRACTED... EDGY ABOUT SOMETHING...
ALMOST AS IF... WHAT--SHE WERE...
DRUGGED?

AROUND HER
WRIST IS A
DIAMOND
BRACELET
WHICH HE
UNCLASPS,
AS THEY
DANCE, WITH-
OUT HER
NOTICE.



THIS PIECE ALONE WOULD
KEEP ME IN STYLE FOR SOMETIME...
BUT I'M GOING TO PLAY FOR
HIGHER STAKES!

AT THE DANCE ENDS, HE PRETENDS TO FIND IT UNDERFOOT WHERE IT MUST HAVE "DROPPED."



YOUR BRACELET, SEÑORITA. HOW FORTUNATE THAT I FOUND IT BEFORE ANYONE ELSE! A TERRIBLE TEMPTATION TO PUT BEFORE ONE NOT COMPLETELY HONEST, NO?

OH... UMM, THANK YOU.

STRANGE, SHE SEEMS ALMOST INDIFFERENT, AS IF A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BAUBLE WASN'T WORTH HER CONCERN.



ANOTHER DANCE, SEÑORITA?

N-NO...

SHE'S OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO THE TABLE BEFORE HER UNCLE... TOO LATE NOW. IS SHE FRIGHTENED OF HIM?



NERVOUSLY CONSUELO INTRODUCES THEM. ATALAN IS CURT UNTIL THE BRACELET INCIDENT IS MENTIONED, WHEREUPON HE BECOMES GRACIOUS AND INVITES HIM...



...TO MY CASTLE FOR DINNER TOMORROW EVENING, TO MORE ADEQUATELY EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE REGARDING THE BRACELET. ONE RARELY ENCOUNTERS YOUR KIND OF HONESTY IN THESE CYNICAL TIMES, SEÑOR.

YOU EMBARRASS ME, SIR. BUT I ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION WITH THE GREATEST OF PLEASURE.

BROOKS' HANDS ITCH AT THE CHANCE OF BECOMING A CAT AGAIN, AND ATALAN ENHANCES THE PROSPECT BY CONFIRMING HIS HIGHEST HOPES...

YOU LIKE PRECIOUS STONES, SEÑOR? I CAN SHOW YOU AN ACCUMULATION OF ORNAMENTATION AND FINERY FROM THE PAST THAT HAS NO PEER OUTSIDE OF SOME MUSEUM COLLECTIONS. IT IS A PASSION WITH ME. OF COURSE, MY MOST PRECIOUS GEM IS CONSUELO, EH, MY DEAR?

I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, SIR. UNTIL TOMORROW EVENING, THEN.



MY GOD! WHAT LUCK!

DISCREET INQUIRIES ABOUT SEÑOR ATALAN'S WEALTH INDICATE BROOKS' INSTINCTS WERE RIGHT. HIS ELATION IS TEMPERED SOMEWHAT BY A FEELING OF SOMETHING NOT QUITE RIGHT...

THERE IS SOMETHING INDEFINABLY SINISTER ABOUT SEÑOR ATALAN AND HIS NIECE...



BROOKS' HEAD FURLY SWIMS THAT EVENING AFTER A SUMPTUOUS MEAL SERVED IN EXQUISITE SURROUNDINGS, AFTER WHICH, WITH FINE BRANDY AND HAVANA CIGARS, ATALAN DAZZLES HIS EYES WITH TREASURES OF THE AGES.

THIS SCORE WILL SET ME UP FOR LIFE!



LATER ON THE BALCONY...

YOU SEEM MUCH MORE RELAXED THIS EVENING THAN LAST NIGHT, CONSUELO.

MY UNCLE IS... SHALL WE SAY, VERY PROTECTIVE OF ME. MUCH MORE SO, IN SOME WAYS THAN HE IS ABOUT HIS TREASURES. I WOULD SAY THAT THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE WHERE YOU ARE CONCERNED.

I KNOW WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, ALDEN BROOKS. I GUESSED IT LAST NIGHT WHEN YOU REMOVED MY BRACELET AND THEN PRETENDED TO FIND IT. WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I OFFERED YOU MY AID IN YOUR PLAN AND MYSELF IN THE BARGAIN?

YOU'RE A COOL ONE!...OKAY BABY, YOU'VE GOT A DEAL. WHAT'S THE MATTER, BEING A FAIRY PRINCESS IN A GILDED CASTLE CRAMP YOUR STYLE?

W-WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?

HE IS ALSO AWARE OF YOUR DESIGNS ON HIS TREASURES AND IS ENJOYING A LITTLE GAME OF CAT AND MOUSE. HE HAS POWERFUL GUARDIANS THAT WOULD PREVENT EVEN YOU FROM GETTING THE GEMS UNLESS YOU HAD MY HELP.

OKAY, WHAT'S THE CATCH?

MY UNCLE IS QUITE MAD, ALDEN. HE BELIEVES HIMSELF A SORCERER AND ALCHEMIST. HE DEVOTES HIMSELF TO THE RESEARCH AND STUDY OF ANCIENT RITES UTILIZING GEMS AS TALISMANS. THE ANCIENTS BELIEVED CERTAIN PRECIOUS STONES POSSESSED MAGICAL PROPERTIES AND HE HAS SCoured THE WORLD ACQUIRING BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY THE STONES MENTIONED IN HIS ANCIENT TOMES AND PARCHMENTS. HE HOLDS THEM IN THRALL BY MEANS OF A POWERFUL SPELL.

AN IMPOSSIBLE ASCENSION FOR ANYONE EXCEPT A CAT, SUCH AS YOURSELF. IT IS A DIAMOND PENDANT OR MEDALLION OF BAST, THE CAT GOD OF ANCIENT EGYPT, CARVED FROM A SINGLE BRILLIANT GEM.

HOW SOON DO WE START? MY GEAR IS STASHED IN MY CAR.

YOU MEAN MY PRICE? YOU ARE VERY ASTUTE, MY FRIEND. YES THERE IS ONE THING YOU MUST AGREE TO BEFORE I WILL AID YOU. TAKE WHATEVER YOU WISH, BUT THERE IS ONE ARTICLE I MUST HAVE. THE MOST VALUABLE PRIZE OF ALL. HE WEARS IT ABOUT HIS NECK AT ALL TIMES AND HE SLEEPS IN THE CASTLE TOWER WHICH IS GUARDED FROM ALL ACCESS EXCEPT FROM THE OUTSIDE.

TOP OF THE TOWER TOO HIGH FOR A HAND CAST WITH MY GRAPPLING HOOK, BUT NOT OUT OF RANGE FOR THE CO₂ LAUNCHER...

GOT IT!

WONDER IF ATALAN'S GUARDIANS CONSUELO REFERRED TO ARE MAN, BEAST OR FIGMENTS OF HER IMAGINATION. WEIRD CHICK! DON'T LIKE TO USE A GUN ORDINARILY, BUT FOR THIS JOB I FEEL BETTER PACKING A .38. THE DRUG SHE PUT IN HIS NIGHTCAP SHOULD KEEP HIM ON ICE FOR EIGHT OR NINE HOURS... TIME ENOUGH FOR ME TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY WITH THE STUFF AND WITHOUT A DIZZY BROAD WHO THINKS HER UNCLE PUT A SPELL ON HER!

DARK CLOUDS SCUD ACROSS THE FACE OF A BALEFUL MOON, THE ONLY WITNESS TO A LITTLE, BLACK-CLAD FIGURE SCALING THE FACE OF THE CASTLE TOWER...

ALTHOUGH PREPARED FOR THE BIZARRE, BROOKS IS TAKEN ABACK AT THE SIGHT WHICH GREET'S HIS EYES WHEN HE CLIMBS THROUGH THE TOWER'S SINGLE WINDOW...

MY GOD! CONSUELO WASN'T KIDDING! IT IS AN ALCHEMIST'S CHAMBER... LOOKS LIKE A MOVIE SET.



HERE IT IS. MMM... BEAUTIFUL, AND BEYOND PRICE. ALMOST MAKES ME THINK OF BECOMING A COLLECTOR MYSELF... BUT I PREFER COLD, HARD CASH.

SO! THE CAT IS CAUGHT WITH THE CREAM... OR IS IT EGG ON HIS FACE?



ATALAN! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ASLEEP!

THEN, BEFORE BROOKS' UNBELIEVING EYES, ATLAN GOES THROUGH AN AMAZING METAMORPHOSIS TO BECOME...

A COBRA!
GOOD GOD!



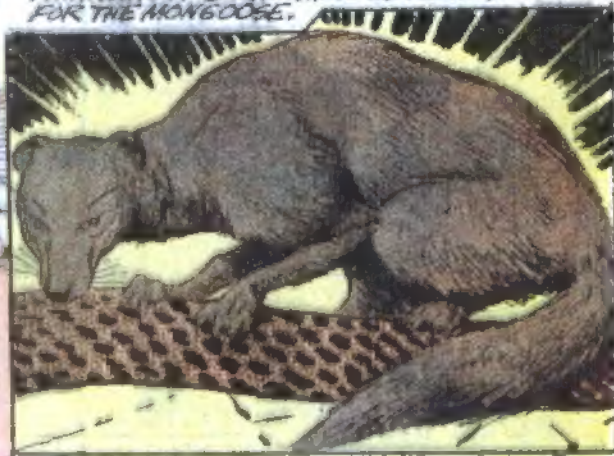
YOUR GUN IS USELESS! BUT DO NOT WORRY. AS SOON AS YOU REMOVED THE TALISMAN FROM HIM HIS PROTECTIVE SPELL AGAINST ME WAS BROKEN! NOW UNCLE, I CAN DEAL WITH YOU, THUSLY...

CONSUELO!



BROOKS MIND REELS FROM THE NEXT SHOCK AS CONSUELO GESTURES AND CHANGES INTO A MONGOOSE, THE COBRA'S TRADITIONAL ADVERSARY, AND NEMESIS OF ALL SNAKES!

FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW, THE TWO FEINT, LUNGE, AND STRIKE, AND IN A TWINKLING IT IS OVER! THE OUTCOME, A VICTORY FOR THE MONGOOSE.



REGAINING HER TRUE FORM...

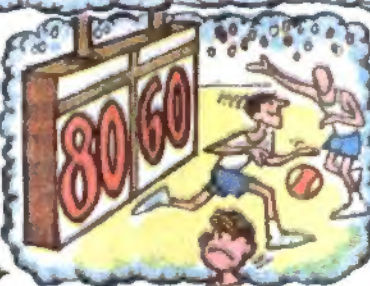
HIS POWER OVER ME IS ENDED! I'M FREE, AND FOR THAT I OWE YOU SOMETHING. MORTAL, I KNOW YOUR PLANS DID NOT INCLUDE ME ONCE I HELPED YOU GET WHAT YOU WANTED, BUT STILL, I AM IN YOUR DEBT, SO I WILL GIVE YOU THAT WHICH I DIVINED WAS YOUR GREATEST DESIRE. NOW YOU SHALL HAVE YOUR REWARD AS BEFITS YOUR NATURE... THE NATURE OF A...

... CAT! THEREFORE SHALL YOU ALWAYS BE DOWN THROUGH ETERNITY... MY IMMORTAL FAMILIAR... A CAT!



END

**"WE WERE 20 POINTS DOWN
WITH 2 MINUTES TO GO...AND
MY WINNERS WERE STILL MISSING"**



I had made it to the championship, but my game was really off. Someone had stolen my Winners.

I had my suspicions and my dog Otto was investigating...but we were running out of time.



We had two minutes left when Otto appeared.



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A STAB IN THE DARK

"Someone is trying to kill me! And it is by witchcraft, I tell you! What more evidence do you need?" The woman's bony hand held the doctor's arm as she screeched her fears at him.

"Please calm down, woman!" pleaded the doctor. "Your story is too far-fetched even if I did believe in sorcery and devilment! How could you be 'set up' for murder by the mere words of a letter?"

"You don't believe, but I do!" she grated. "If a witch sees her death described in detail three times, then all she owns belongs to the one who makes it come true! And I have seen it three times! Someone wants my money! Someone knows I have it!"

The doctor drew back, away from the frail old woman on the hospital bed. Who would have believed this dirty, ragged old woman had money? It was perhaps easier to believe she was a witch than to believe she was wealthy! Yet, she had been carrying twenty hundred-dollar bills in her rags. It was certainly amazing how such an outcast from modern civilization could accumulate so much of civilization's wealth!

"Here!" she insisted. "Read this!"

The doctor took the paper from her as she thrust it at him. It was wrinkled and dirty from being carried around for a week. The words, in red ink, said:

The light of the night

Will see death enter

Through metal sharp and bright

Into the body's center.

"Please stay calm," said the doctor. "Nothing will happen! These words have no power!"

"But things have happened," she wailed. "Two nights ago I was walking home past an apartment building when there was a loud clatter behind me! Someone had dropped a pair of scissors out of a window just as I was passing in the light in front of the building entrance!"

The doctor protested. "That was obviously an accident. A terrible accident, of course, but why do you think it was witchcraft? Because of the light and the sharp metal? Mere coincidence!"

"No, no!" pleaded the old woman. "I too am a witch, and I know the signs! And tonight when I was attacked it was not by coincidence! Look at my shoulder where I was stabbed! And it was beneath a street light! . . . a street light!"

The doctor opened his black bag. It would not pay to have her remain in this hysterical state. Suppose others heard her talk of witches and spells? He reassured the woman that all would be well.

"Nothing can happen to you here in the hospital, woman! There are no street thugs to attack you with knives, or scissors to fall on you from open windows! How did your little poem go?"

"The light of the night

Will see death enter.

Well, if you will lean back and close your eyes now, I will shut out the lights in this room!"

The woman seemed to consider a moment. Then, slowly, she leaned back. Her heavy lids closed, adding a few more wrinkles to her face. The doctor shut off the lights.

Through metal sharp and bright
Into the body's center

The doctor continued. "All knives and scissors are gone. There's not a sharp piece of metal to be seen." In the darkened room, the doctor reached in to his bag for a small bottle which he had never believed he would actually use.

"I'm going to help you sleep now," he said. "Are you all right?"

There was no answer, but he could hear her breathing more heavily now. She was probably asleep already, from exhaustion. He did not blame her. He walked to the window and re-arranged the window blinds. He could see her dimly in outline in the darkness. She slept in the trust the doctor had given her. He had convinced her of her safety and that she had no cause for fears.

And she had also convinced him. He now believed that she had money, and that soon it would be his. He was also convinced that if he could fulfill the words of the little poem, he might be ridding the world of a witch! And that wasn't a bad thing! In fact, it might even deserve a reward!

He waited until the moonlight coming through the window lighted the sleeping woman. It was quite bright. It glistened on the sharp metal point of the lethal hypodermic needle in his hand as he approached the bed.

THE END

1. Do you really want more money?

☐ Yes ☒ No

2. Are you able and willing to do a little work to get it?

☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Do people like and trust you?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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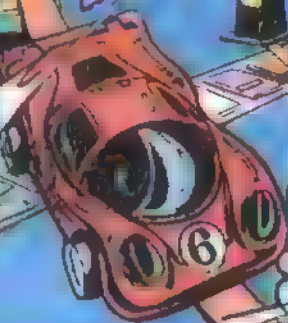


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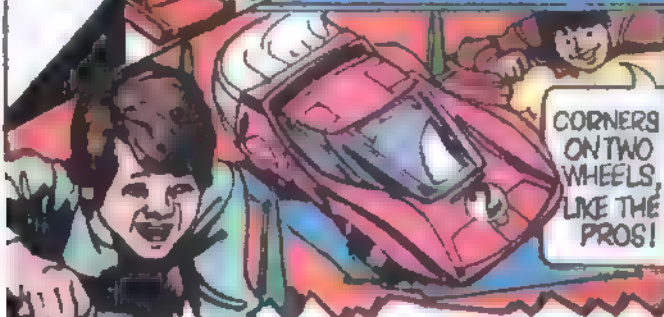
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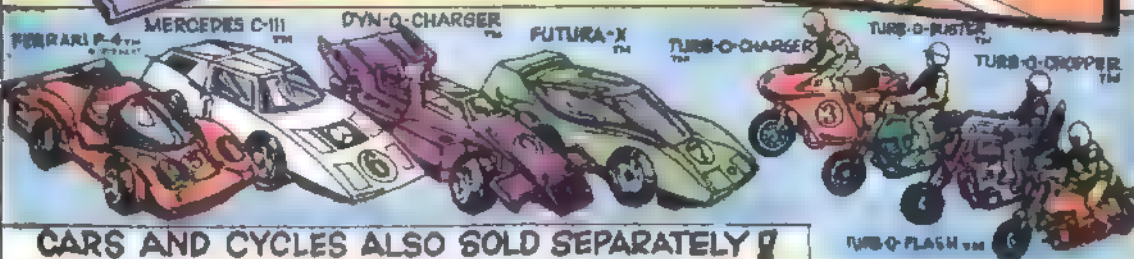
WILD WHEELIES!

PUMP THE TOWER-HEAR THE JET-LIKE WHINE!
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WHEEL FASTER AND FASTER...
THE POWER IS IN THE TOWER!
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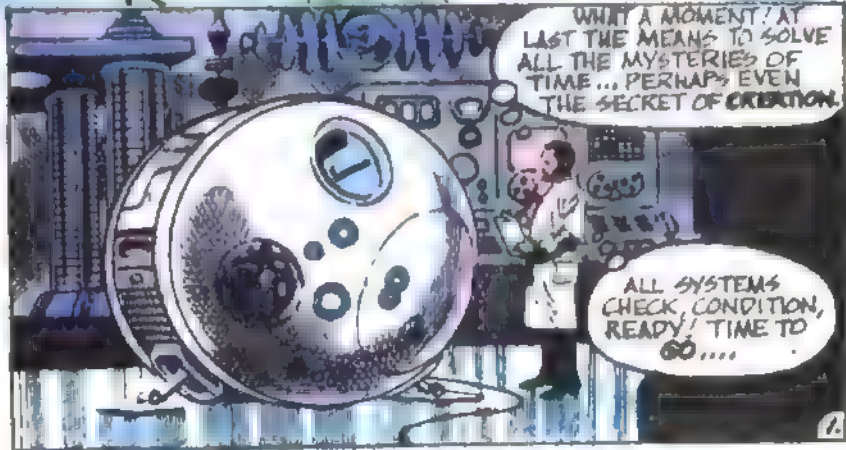
CARS AND CYCLES ALSO SOLD SEPARATELY!

TURBO-FLASH

HARDEN BURRIS IS ON THE THRESHOLD OF UNRAVELING ONE OF THE GREATEST MYSTERIES OF THIS PLANET... THE ENIGMA OF MANKIND'S EVOLUTION FROM THE STOOPED APE-LIKE NEANDERTHAL INTO THE UPRIGHT FORERUNNER OF MODERN MAN, THE CRO-MAGNON. IN OTHER WORDS, THE MUCH DISCUSSED CONTROVERSIAL, AND AS YET, UNSUBSTANTIATED...



DR. BURRIS, WITHOUT THE UNIVERSITY'S KNOWLEDGE OR SANCTION, IS ABOUT TO DEPART ON A LITTLE SABBATICAL... TO THE PREHISTORIC PAST! HAVING CHANNLED CERTAIN FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR A MORE MUNDANE KIND OF RESEARCH TO A PET PROJECT OF HIS OWN, HE HAS CONSTRUCTED AND OUTFITTED A TIME MACHINE TO SPAN THE CENTURIES AND SOLVE THE RIDDLES OF THE AGES.

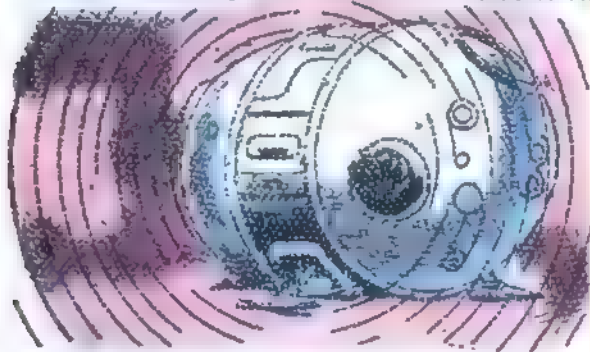


CHANGING INTO SUITABLE GEAR, BURRIS SEALS HIMSELF IN THE TIME SHIP. IN A COMPLICATED SERIES OF PRECISE, LONG-TRACTICED MOVEMENTS, HE DELICATELY ADJUSTS THE CONTROLS TO DEPOSIT HIM IN NORTHERN EUROPE AT THE APPROXIMATE TIME CRO-MAGNON MAN IS BELIEVED TO HAVE FIRST APPEARED ON EARTH.



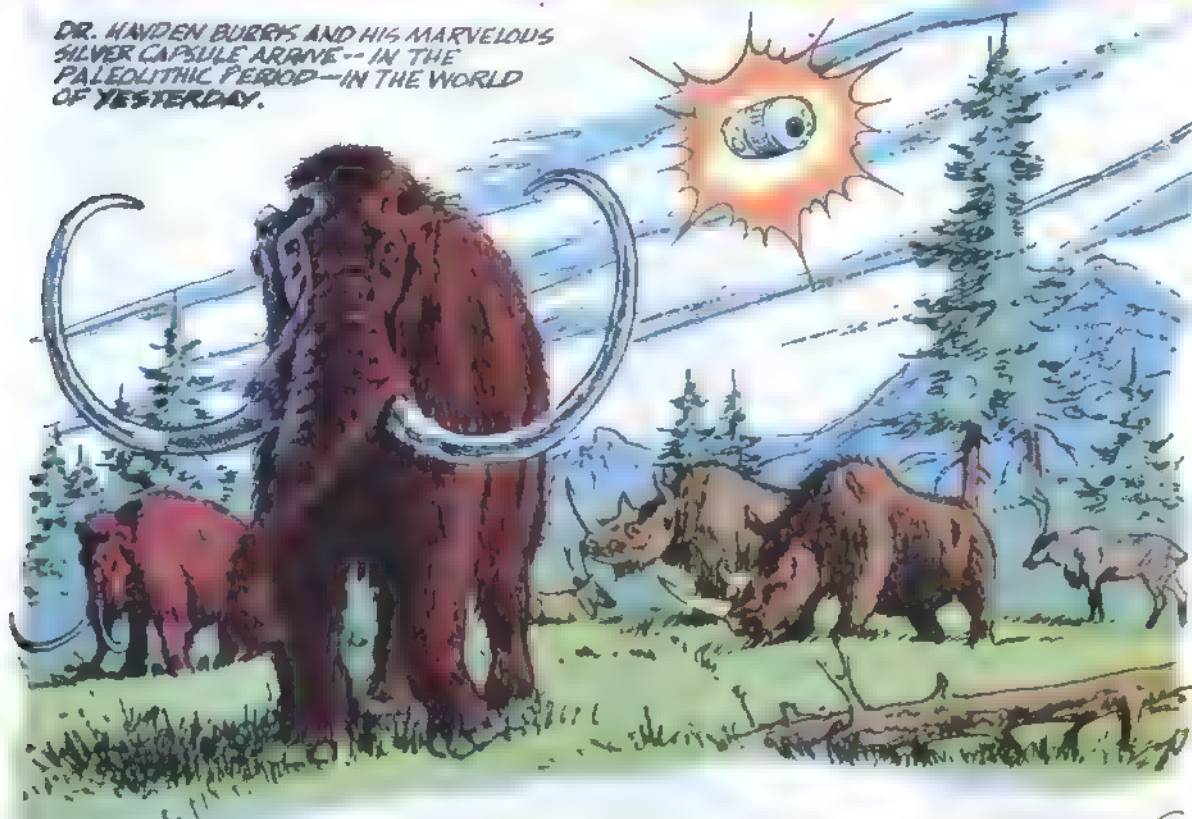
WITH THE EVIDENCE I BRING BACK... **LIVING** EVIDENCE, IF NECESSARY I'LL GAIN SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO RECORD ALL IMPORTANT EVENTS IN HISTORY, NO MORE ARCHEOLOGICAL GUESSWORK, NO MORE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER PUZZLES WITH ONLY PART OF THE PIECES.

IN A LOW THROBBING HUM, THAT RISES TO A HIGH KEENING WAIL, THE SHIP'S CONFIGURATION BLURS, DISTORTS, THEN WINKS OUT OF EXISTENCE...



... THEN AN ALL-ENVELOPING DEAD SILENCE, A FEELING OF DISORIENTATION, AND....

DR. HAVDEN BURRIS AND HIS MARVELOUS SILVER CAPSULE ARRIVE-- IN THE PALEOLITHIC PERIOD-- IN THE WORLD OF YESTERDAY.



BURRIS CRUISES OVER THE RUGGED TERRAIN EAGERLY SEEKING THE MOST UNUSUAL ENCOUNTER OF ALL TIME... THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MODERN MAN AND HIS ANCESTORS... TWENTIETH CENTURY HOMO SAPIENS AND THE CAVE MAN!

AH, THERE THEY ARE! NEANDERTHALS FROM WHAT I CAN SEE IN THE VIEWSCOPE.

HAVE TO LEAVE THE TIME-POD OUT OF SIGHT HERE AND APPROACH THEM ON FOOT. DON'T WANT TO FRIGHTEN THEM AWAY.

TAKING A MOVIE CAMERA, A TAPE-RECORDER, AND SUFFICIENT FIREPOWER TO HANDLE ANY CONTINGENCY, BURRIS SETS OUT FOR THE CAVE DWELLER'S SITE AND THE MOST MOMENTOUS MEETING OF HIS LIFE!

HIS GREETING IS MET AT FIRST WITH STUNNED SILENCE, AND THEN...

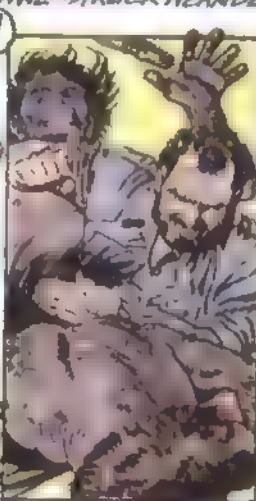
...A REACTION THAT INDICATES STRANGERS ARE NOT WELCOME!

THEN DR BURRS DOES WHAT, ON THE FACE OF IT, SEEMS TO BE A VERY FOOLISH THING. DROPPING HIS RIFLE AND EQUIPMENT, HE MEETS HIS ATTACKER'S HEAD ON! HOWEVER, THE ROBUST DOCTOR IS MORE THAN A MATCH FOR THE BRAWNY CAVEMAN, THANKS TO A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF KARATE, AND HE TOTALLY VANQUISHES AND BEWILDERES THE AWE-STROCK NEANDERTHAL'S!

THEY ADOPT HIM INTO THE TRIBE IN A SIMPLE CEREMONY....



HAAA!



... AN ARRANGEMENT THAT WORKS OUT TO THEIR MUTUAL SATISFACTION. NEVER HAVE THE HAPTI (THE PEOPLE), AS THEY CALL THEMSELVES, GAINED SO MUCH FROM ANY SINGLE EVENT IN THEIR EXISTENCE. THE GOOD DOCTOR BRINGS THEM THE FRUITS OF TWENTIETH CENTURY MAN'S KNOWLEDGE AND IN TURN EXPERIENCE, A RICHER FULLER LIFE THAN HE HAD EVER KNOWN.



THE PROBLEMS, POLITICS AND POLLUTION OF HIS AGE BEGIN TO DIM IN HIS MEMORY... "SO MUCH SO THAT HE NEARLY FORGETS THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF HIS INADVERTENT JOURNEY THE LINK BETWEEN THESE PEOPLE AND THE LOST MANKIND, THE MISSING LINK....

THE HAPTI CANNOT HELP HIM, THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN ANY OTHERS WHO RESEMBLE THE PICTURES BURRS HAS SHOWN THEM, AND THEY BECOME INCREASINGLY FRETFUL WHEN HE LEAVES THEM ON PROLONGED TRIPS TO FIND THE OBJECT OF HIS SEARCH. DISHEARTENED HE IS ABOUT TO TRY ANOTHER TIME PERIOD WHEN DISASTER STRIKES! A SUDDEN VOLCANIC ERUPTION...

...A STAMPEDE...



... AND DIRECTLY IN ITS PATH IS BURRS' TIME CAPSULE...

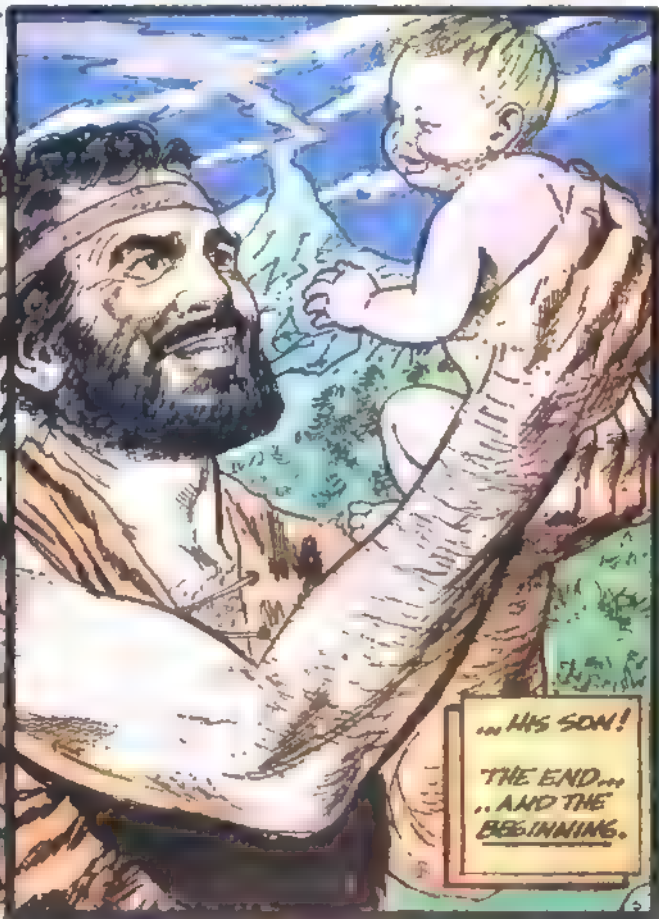
....BURRIS' PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE IS NO MORE!

TOTALE! MY GOD
I'M MARRONED!

ALTHOUGH SHE CANNOT GRASP THE FULL IMPORT OF HIS LOSS, LO-EL, THE SHY ONE, STILL WITHOUT A MATE AND ALMOST A PARIAH BECAUSE SHE LACKS THE STOCKY BROAD PHYSIQUE FOR HARD WORK AND CHILD-BEARING OF HER TRIBAL SISTERS, DOES HER BEST TO CONSOLE HIM...

EVENTUALLY RESIGNED TO HIS FATE, HAYDEN BURRIS BECOMES SO PREOCCUPIED WITH THE BUSINESS OF SURVIVAL, EDUCATING AND GUIDING HIS PRIMITIVE CHARGES, THAT IT DOES NOT OCCUR TO HIM UNTIL ONE DAY SOME MANY MONTHS LATER, WHEN HE AND HIS MATE, LO-EL, ARE PLAYING WITH THEIR FIRST-BORN, WHO LOOKS QUITE A BIT DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHER CHILDREN, THAT....

.... BEFORE HIM IS THE ONE HE TRAVERSED THE AGES BACK INTO PREHISTORIC TIME, TO FIND--THE MISSING LINK, THE FIRST LEO-MAGNON MAN...



... HIS SON!

THE END...
.. AND THE
BEGINNING.



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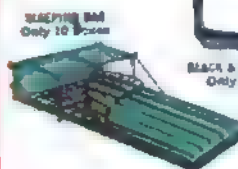
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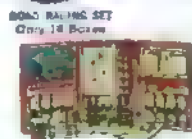
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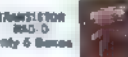
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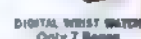
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... A HEART ATTACK? I DON'T BELIEVE IT, DR. MALTON. MARION WAS ONLY 35 YEARS OLD. I KNOW HER HEALTH WASN'T GOOD, BUT... I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT... AND THAT PHONE CALL FOR HELP...

ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THE BODY ARE MADE, AND MILLER PREPARES TO LEAVE, STILL UNABLE TO SHAKE THE UNCOMFORTABLE FEELING THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG...

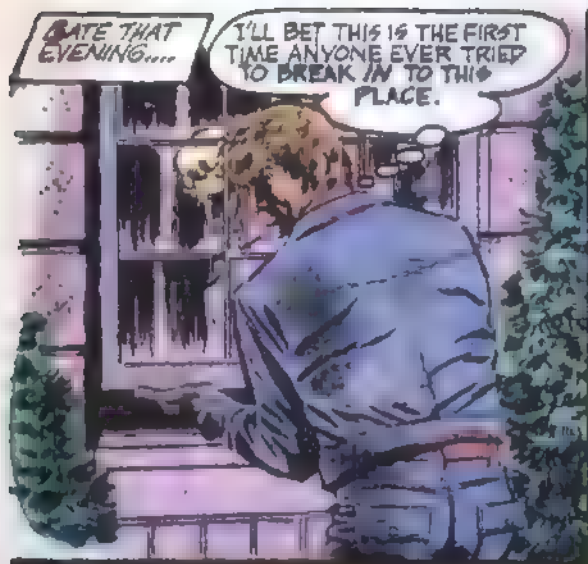
WHAT'S THIS? SOMEONE LEFT ME A NOTE.

THAT DOES IT! I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG!

I know the truth about Marion's death!! Return tonight - we're going to Vanoss

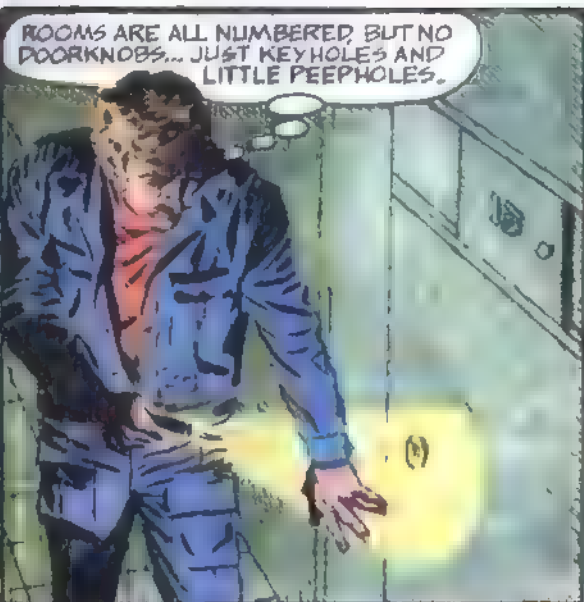
NOW PLEASE, MR. MILLER, NOT THAT AGAIN. HER CALL TO YOU ABOUT VAMPIRES AND BOOSIE MEN, AS I'VE ALREADY EXPLAINED, WAS ONLY A REFLECT ON OF HER MENTAL STATE. MERE HYSTERIA, NOTHING MORE.

STORY
ART
GRAY
NORROW



LATE THAT EVENING....

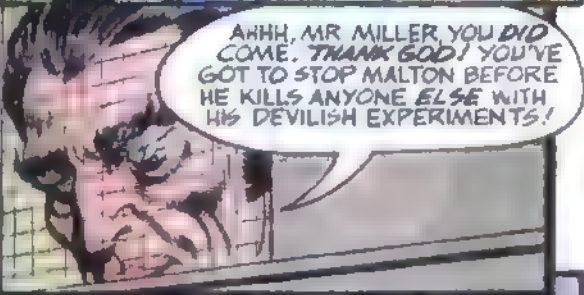
I'LL BET THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE EVER TRIED TO BREAK IN TO THIS PLACE.



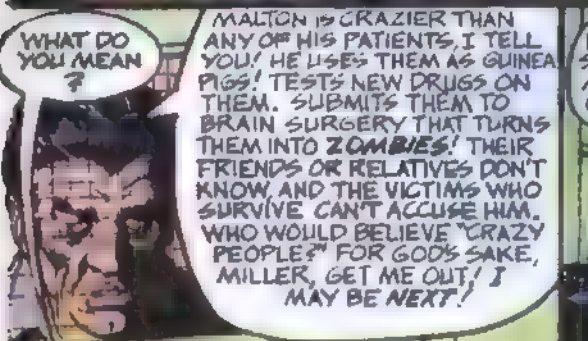
ROOMS ARE ALL NUMBERED, BUT NO DOORKNOBS... JUST KEYHOLES AND LITTLE PEEPHOLES.



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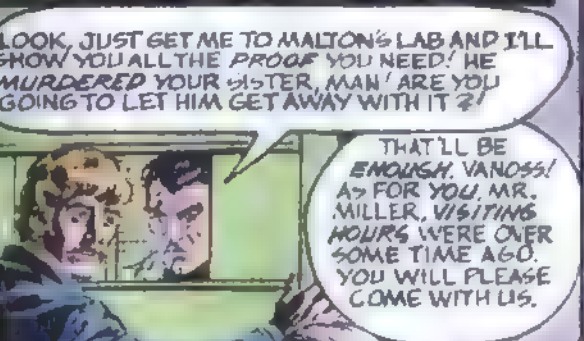


AHHH, MR. MILLER, YOU DID COME. THANK GOD! YOU'VE GOT TO STOP MALTON BEFORE HE KILLS ANYONE ELSE WITH HIS DEVILISH EXPERIMENTS!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

MALTON IS CRAZIER THAN ANY OF HIS PATIENTS. I TELL YOU! HE USES THEM AS GUINEA PIGS! TESTS NEW DRUGS ON THEM. SUBMITS THEM TO BRAIN SURGERY THAT TURNS THEM INTO ZOMBIES! THEIR FRIENDS OR RELATIVES DON'T KNOW, AND THE VICTIMS WHO SURVIVE CAN'T ACCUSE HIM. WHO WOULD BELIEVE "CRAZY PEOPLE?" FOR GOD'S SAKE, MILLER, GET ME OUT! I MAY BE NEXT!

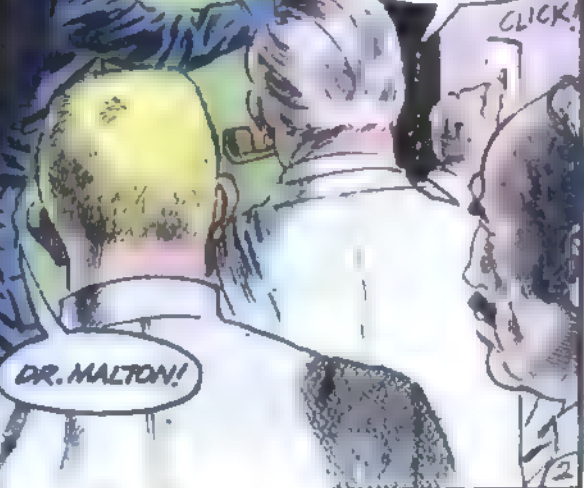


LOOK, JUST GET ME TO MALTON'S LAB AND I'LL SHOW YOU ALL THE PROOF YOU NEED! HE MURDERED YOUR SISTER, MAN! ARE YOU GOING TO LET HIM GET AWAY WITH IT?

THAT'LL BE ENOUGH, VANOSS! AS FOR YOU, MR. MILLER, VISITING HOURS WERE OVER SOME TIME AGO. YOU WILL PLEASE COME WITH US.

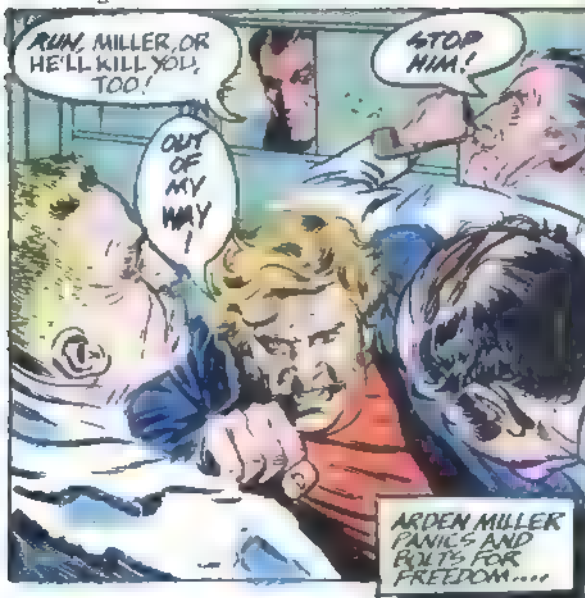


I... I DON'T KNOW..

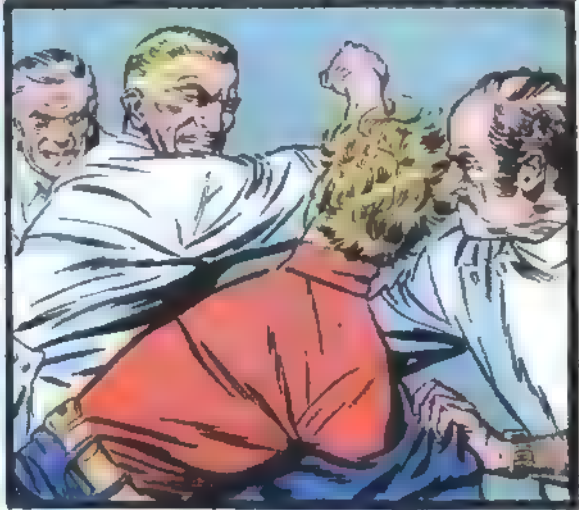


DR. MALTON!

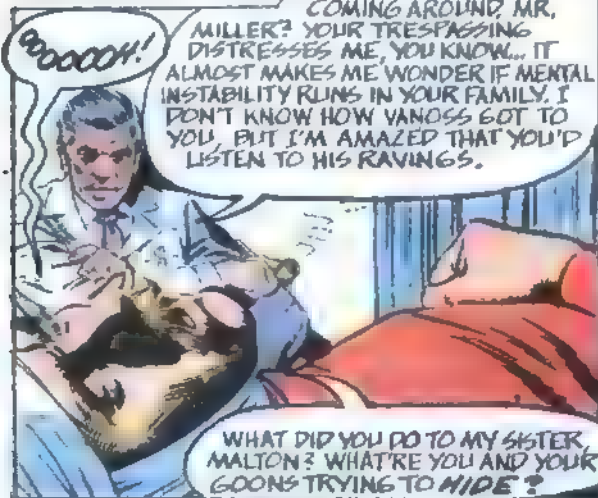
CLICK!



....BUT HE'S NO MATCH FOR DR. MALTON'S TWO BURLY ATTENDANTS, AND AFTER A BRIEF FLURRY OF FLAILING FISTS....



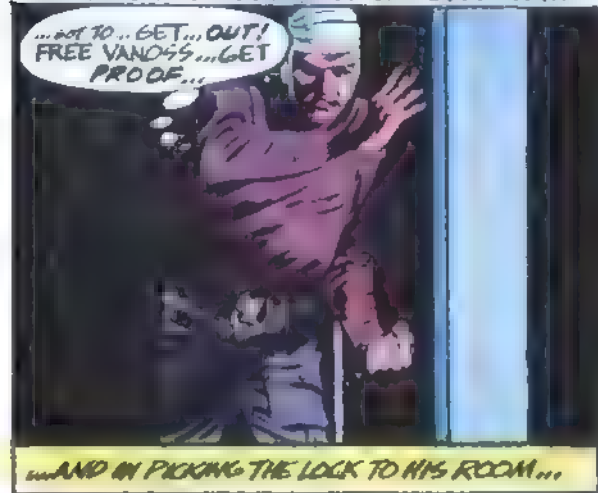
...HE RETURNS TO CONSCIOUSNESS IN A WHITE EXAMINATION ROOM.



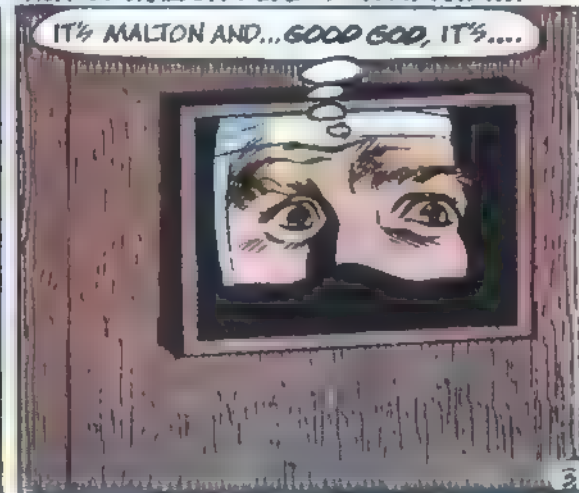
NOW LISTEN HERE YOU YOUNG FOOL, THOSE NURSES AND I PREVENTED YOU FROM PERPETRATING A VERY STUPID, DANGEROUS, AND ILLEGAL ACT. I'M RELIEVED THAT NOTHING WORSE CAME OF IT THAN YOUR SUFFERING A MILD CONCUSSION. I'M GIVING YOU A HYPO SO YOU CAN SLEEP, AND I'M LOCKING YOU IN UNTIL MORNING. THEN I'LL ASK YOU TO LEAVE THESE PREMISES AND FORGET ABOUT THIS OBSESSION WITH YOUR SISTER'S DEATH, OR I SHALL BE FORCED TO BRING CHARGES!



CERTAIN THAT DEATH IS IMMINENT, ARDEN FIGHTS AGAINST THE DRUG IN HIS SYSTEM, AND SUCCEEDS IN THROWING OFF ITS EFFECTS...



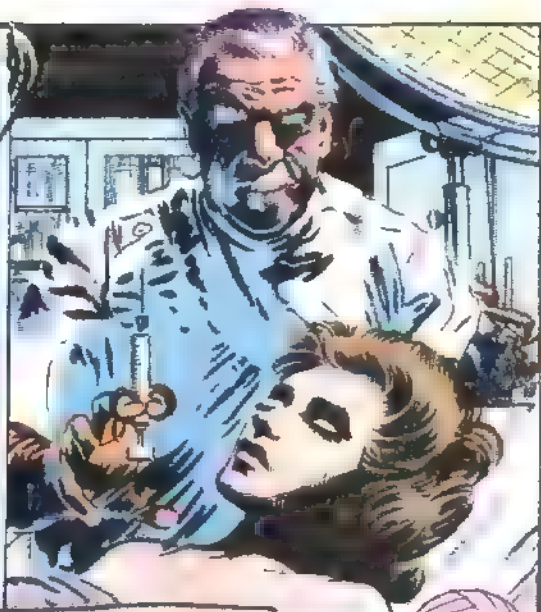
...UNCERTAIN OF HIS LOCATION, MILLER, WHILE SEARCHING FOR VANOSS' ROOM, COMES ACROSS MALTON'S LABORATORY AND...





VANDY!
AND
MARION!

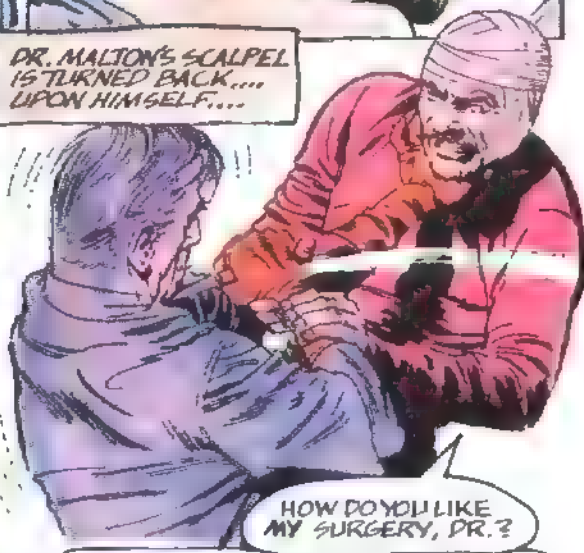
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING TO THEM,
YOU @*!!*!!



MILLER, YOU
IDIOT! STOP!

I'LL KILL YOU, YOU LYING
@*!!*!!

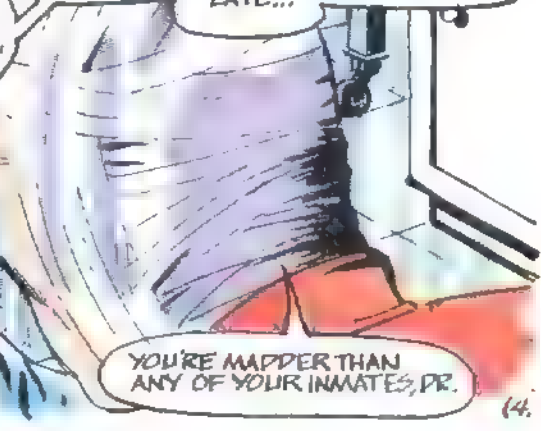
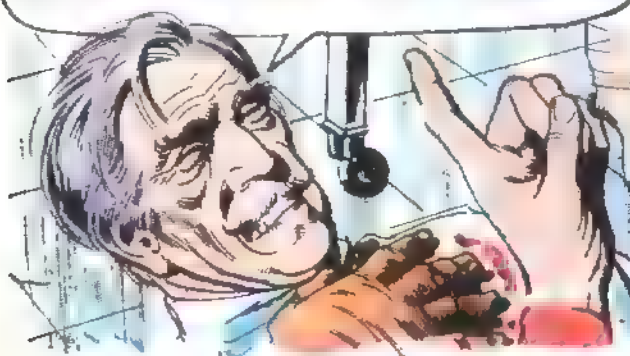
DR. MALTON'S SCALPEL
IS TURNED BACK...
UPON HIMSELF...



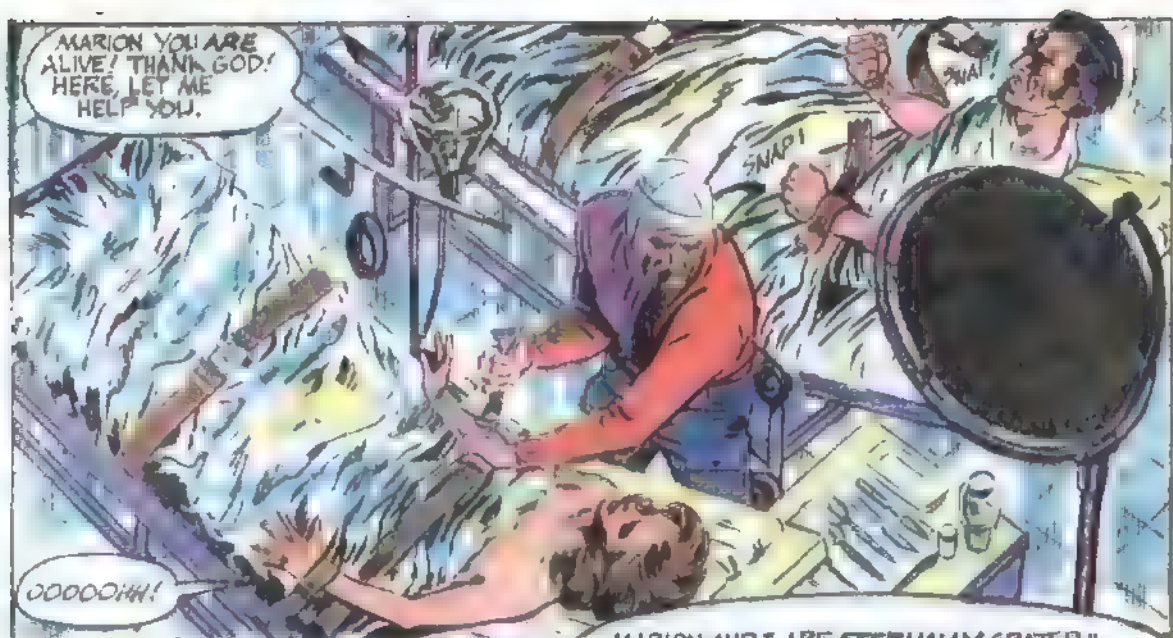
HOW DO YOU LIKE
MY SURGERY, DR.?

... LISTEN MILLER... I'M FINISHED. GOT TO TELL
YOU THE TRUTH. MARION AND VANDY NOT HARMED...
... ONLY DRUGGED, BUT DANGEROUS! THEY'RE VAMPIRES!
BECAUSE THE BLOOD OF THE LIVING MAKES THEM
IMMORTAL. I WAS AFTER THAT FACTOR, TRYING TO
ISOLATE IT. THE SECRET OF ETERNAL LIFE. I WAS
USING VANDY AS A SUBJECT FOR STUDY. DO YOU
UNDERSTAND? SOMEHOW HE SEDUCED YOUR SISTER
INTO BELIEVING I WAS SOME SORT OF "MAD DOCTOR"
WHO WAS TORTURING HIM, AND SHE TRIED TO HELP
HIM ESCAPE. HE REPAYED HER WITH THE VAMPIRE'S BITE,
MAKING HER LIKE HIMSELF... ONE OF THE UNDEAD...

... I COVERED IT UP TO AVOID INVESTIGATION,
SO AS TO CONTINUE MY EXPERIMENTS... I
WAS SO CLOSE!... THE SEDATION THEY'RE
UNDER WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER... IT'S ON
YOUR HEAD NOW! NO ONE IN THE WORLD'LL
BE SAFE IF THEY GET FREE! YOU MUST DRIVE
A WOODEN STAKE THROUGH THEIR HEARTS
DO YOU HEAR ME... NOW, BEFORE IT'S TOO
LATE...



YOU'RE Madder THAN
ANY OF YOUR INMATES, DR.



MARION YOU ARE ALIVE! THANK GOD! HERE, LET ME HELP YOU.

OOOOOHH!

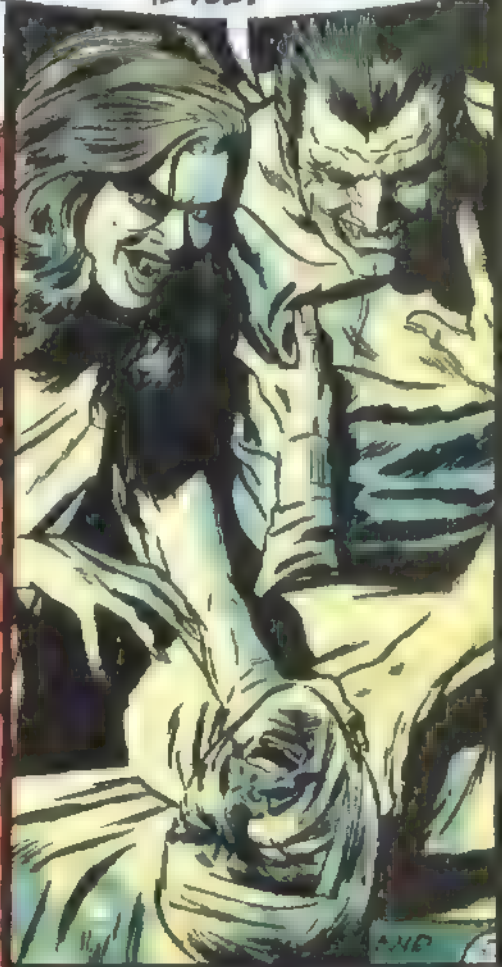
SNAP!

SNAP!



OOHH, NOOO-O-O
NO
NO
NO
NO

MARION AND I ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL, MY FRIEND! MISERY DOES LOVE COMPANY... AND NOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO JOIN US, WE THREE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO GIVING ALL OUR ATTENTION TO EACH OF DR. MALTON'S UNHAPPY GUESTS... ONE BY ONE, THANKS TO YOU!



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REMPEN HAVER WAS ELATED THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS SUCCEEDING, AND YES INCLUDING OLD MAN GAINESFORD'S **TIMELY** DEATH, HAD ALL GONE **EXACTLY** ACCORDING TO PLAN — HIS PLAN...



...AS HIS LAWYER, HAVER HAD MANAGED ELIAS GAINESFORD'S AFFAIRS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS...

...AFTER THE OLD MAN'S CONFINEMENT TO A WHEELCHAIR, THE RESULT OF HIS COMBINING FAST DRIVING WITH HIS HEAVY DRINKING, REMPEN BECAME EVEN MORE INVOLVED IN HANDLING THE GAINESFORD INTERESTS, AND IN TIME ALMOST A MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD...



...IT WAS EASY AFTER THAT TO ARRANGE THE FINAL STEPS IN HIS CAMPAIGN TO CONTROL THE GAINESFORD MILLIONS...

...A SIMPLE MATTER TO GET THE FORWARD SPEED CONTROL ON THE OLD MAN'S ELECTRIC-POWERED WHEELCHAIR ONE NIGHT AFTER HE'D IMBIBED SEVERAL TOO MANY BRANDIES, FALLEN ASLEEP AS HE WAS OFTEN KNOWN TO DO, AND...



...SEND IT CRASHING DOWN A LONG FLIGHT OF STAIRS! DEATH DUE TO...

...DRUNKEN DRIVING? REMPEN HAD TO LAUGH AT THAT...

AND THEN, AFTER A DECENT INTERVAL, TO MARRY THE LAST LIVING MEMBER OF THE GAINESFORD FAMILY OLD ELIAS' NIECE, BERYL. BERYL WOULD BE QUITE WILLING, OF COURSE REM HAVING BEEN SUCH A COMFORT THROUGH IT ALL.

OH YES REM!
IF YOU REALLY
WANT ME!

MORE THAN
ANYTHING ELSE IN
THE WORLD,
DEAREST.

AND NOW IT WOULD
BE ALL MRS. THE
MONEY, BERYL, AND
THE GALLERY THE
PRESTIGIOUS
GAINESFORD
GALLERY AND ALL
IT'S BEAUTIFUL
ART TREASURES
HAYER LOVED FINE
ART, PERHAPS AS
MUCH AS HE LOVED
MONEY AND -OON
NOW, HE COULD
VIRTUALLY
WALLOW IN IT!

SOON...
SOON!

ONE EVENING, A FEW DAYS
AFTER THE FUNERAL, REMSEN
STAYS LATE AT THE GALLERY
TO CLEAR UP SOME PAPER
WORK, WHEN HE HEARS A
NOISE.

WHO'S THERE?

VENTURING OUT INTO THE SHADOWED ALCOVES,
HIS EYE IS CAUGHT AND HELD BY ONE OF THE
PAINTINGS....

SOMETHING'S WRONG
WITH THE LIGHTS...OR
MY EYES! WHAT'S
HAPPENING TO THAT
PAINTING?

...IN WHICH THE OUTLINES SEEM TO WAVER
AND CHANGE, SHAPES MERGE WITH ONE
ANOTHER AND THEN RESOLVE INTO.....

WHAT THE

OH, MY GOD!
NO!

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UNNERVED, HAVEN FLEES THE GALLERY.

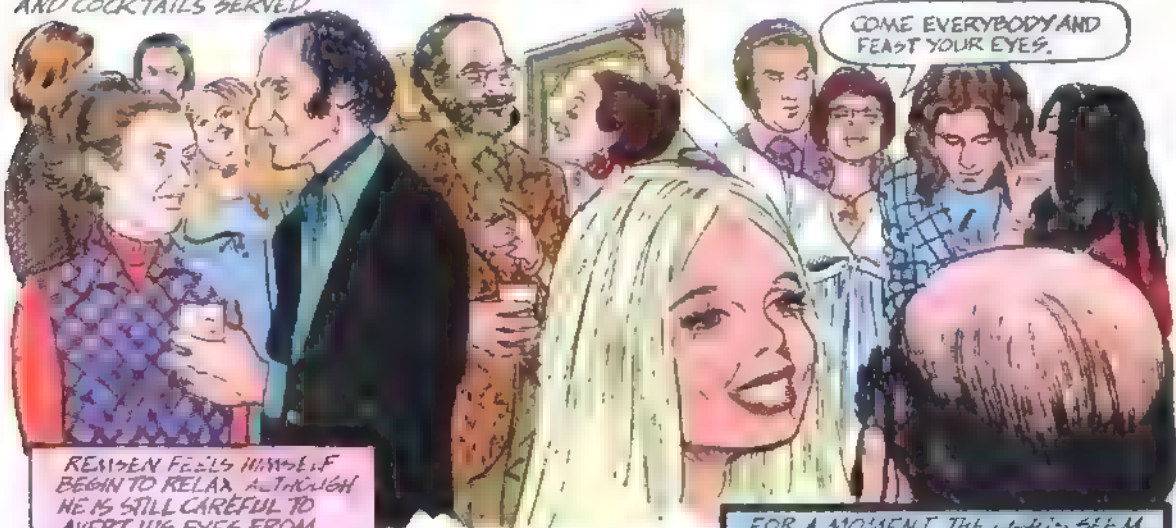
THEREAFTER HIS DAYS AND NIGHTS ARE AN UNENDING NIGHTMARE. EVERY PICTURE, SIGNBOARD, POSTER, VIRTUALLY ANY FRAMED SPACE, SEEMS TO CONTAIN THE REPROACHFUL, MALEVOLENT, OUNTENANCE OF ELIAS GAINESFORD.



A GHOSTLY, DISTORTED VERSION OF GAINESFORD'S VOICE, SEEMING TO EMANATE FROM EVERYWHERE, MAKES SLEEP IMPOSSIBLE.

A WOMAN, OVERHEARD AND FERTY, WOULD BEERLY FEEL TO MEET HIM. HE FEELS OVER WORK AND OVER HER FEEL TO PERTURB AND COPY HIS TIME.

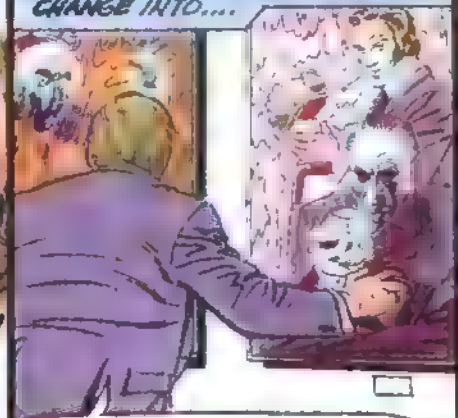
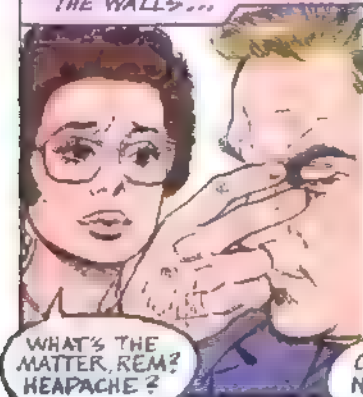
HAYER TRIES TO PULL HIMSELF TOGETHER SUFFICIENTLY TO HELP BERYL HOST A SMALL GATHERING AT THE GALLERY OF CRITICS AND DEVOTEES OF A NEW PAINTER'S FIRST SHOWING. IT IS A WITTY, CONVIVIAL GROUP THAT ADJOURNS TO THE NEXT ROOM AFTER ALL HAVE ARRIVED, INTRODUCTIONS ARE MADE, AND COCKTAILS SERVED.



RENDEN FEELS HIMSELF BEGIN TO RELAX, ALTHOUGH HE IS STILL CAREFUL TO AVERT HIS EYES FROM THE CANVASES LINING THE WALLS...

ENTERING THE NEXT ROOM, HAYER IS UNPREPARED FOR THE HEART-STOPPING SHOCK THAT AWAITS HIM.

FOR A MOMENT THE LIGHTS SEEM TO DIM AND BLUR, AND THEN, TO HIS HORRIFIED EYES THE PAINTINGS CHANGE INTO....



... A SEQUENTIAL DEPICTION OF HIS TERRIBLE DEED!!! A VERITABLE STORYBOARD FOR ALL TO SEE OF HIS MURDER OF ELIAS GAINESFORD! HIS MIND BUCKLES, AND THE VERBAL TORRENT THAT FOLLOWS IN FRONT OF THE SURROUNDING WITNESSES SEALS HIS FATE.

ALL RIGHT... ALL RIGHT! I DID IT! I KILLED THE OLD ~~STY~~!! GOD STRIKE ME BLIND, I DON'T CARE! BUT PLEASE TAKE THEM AWAY... OH GOD...



LATER, AS BERYL WRITES OUT A CHECK FOR A HANDSOME FEE....

AS PER OUR AGREEMENT, SENOR BOSCO, AND THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE. YOUR WORK HAD EXACTLY THE DESIRED EFFECT!

AND ALL THE PRELIMINARY BUILD-UP TO THE FINAL DENOUEMENT THE SPECIAL LIGHT-SENSITIVE PAINTS THAT WOULD REVEAL THE REAL PICTURE BENEATH AN INNOCENT SCENE AT JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT. ... AND THE CAREFUL RETOUCHING AND INSERTION OF UNCLE'S LIKENESS IN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES WHERE HE WOULD BE SURE TO SEE THEM. THE SPECIAL TAPES OF HIS VOICE....

...NOT TO MENTION YOUR OWN ADROITNESS AT SUBSTITUTING AND LATER RECOVERING THEM SO HE WOULD NEVER SUSPECT THE WAR OF NERVES BEING WAGED AGAINST HIM.

YOUR SKILL AT INTERPRETING SO REALISTICALLY THE ACCOUNT OF UNCLE'S MURDER AS I WAS SURE IT MUST HAVE HAPPENED, BROKE REMSEN'S NERVE AS I HOPED IT WOULD.

MAY I INQUIRE ABOUT THE DISPOSITION OF THE TWELVE MURDER SCENES NOW THAT IT IS ALL OVER AND MR. HAVER IS IN THE HANDS OF THE LAW?

OH, NO, TWELVE, I ASSURE YOU, JUST TWELVE.

I COULD HAVE SWORN... I'M PROBABLY JUST CONFUSED AND STILL A LITTLE BIT UPSET... TO THINK I MIGHT'VE MARRIED THAT... MURDERER!

THEY ARE YOURS TO DO WITH AS YOU WISH. I ONLY WANT TO FORGET THE WHOLE UGLY BUSINESS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE... DID YOU SAY TWELVE? I WAS SURE... YES CERTAIN THAT IT WAS THIRTEEN!

SENOR, WOULD PLEASE HUMOR ME FOR A MOMENT? ... I MUST LOOK AT THEM ONCE MORE, I'M POSITIVE SOMEHOW THERE ARE... THIRTEEN PAINTINGS!

AS YOU WISH.

AS YOU CAN SEE, SEÑORITA... ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX...



...SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE, TEN, ELEVEN, TWELVE,



THIRTEEN! I DO NOT UNDERSTAND! I DID NOT PAINT THIS ONE!!! WHO COULD HAVE...?



I DON'T KNOW... THE STYLE IS FAMILIAR.... OH, MY GOD, I CAN'T BELIEVE... AND YET IT IS HIS! YES, I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT IT MUST BE...

YOU SEE... UNCLE ELIAS WAS SOMETHING OF A SUNDRY PAINTER, HIMSELF!





ESSAYS INTO THE SUPERNATURAL



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WHEN MEN STILL LIVED IN TRIBES, MAGIC RULED HIS WORLD. HE FEARED THE ELEMENTS OF STORM AND FIRE, AND ADMIRERD THE CREATURES WITH GOOD SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES. HE ASSOCIATED HIS GODS WITH THE STRENGTH OF A LION, OR THE CRAFTINESS OF A FOX, OR THE SPEED AND NOBILITY OF A STAG.

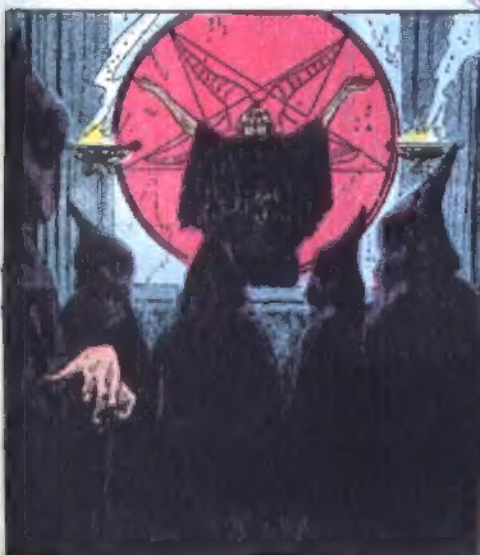


THROUGH RITUAL AND REPETITION, AND OVER THE COURSE OF CENTURIES, GOD AND CREATURE GREW CLOSER IN MAN'S MIND. BUT NEW RELIGIONS AROSE AND TO THEM, THE OLD GODS WERE EVIL. THE GODS OF THE OLD RELIGION BECAME THE DEVILS OF THE NEW. THE OLD GODS AND THEIR ASSOCIATE ANIMAL-SERVANTS WERE DRIVEN INTO HIDING.



HOW COULD A LOYAL FOLLOWER LOCATE AND WORSHIP THE OUTLAWED GODS? HOW COULD THE OLD CHERISHED RELIGION BE PRACTICED? THE ANSWER WAS SECRECY, AND TOWN-PEOPLE WHISPERED AMONG THEMSELVES ABOUT 'DEVILS AND BLACK RITES' AND 'WITCHES.' AND THE LINKS BETWEEN THE OLD GOD-DEVILS AND THEIR WITCH-SUBJECTS WERE THE SYMBOLIC ANIMALS.

THE PEOPLE WHO FEARED THEM LEARNED TO RECOGNIZE THESE OUTCAST WITCHES BY THEIR FAMILIARS. THESE FAMILIARS WERE ANIMALS WHICH (IT WAS BELIEVED) DID THE EVIL BIDDING AND ASSISTED IN THE BLACK MAGIC OF THE WITCH-MASTER. THE FAMILIAR WAS MOST OFTEN A CAT, FROG, OR OWL. BUT ANY CREATURE WOULD DO.



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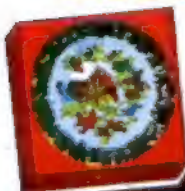
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